THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has appointed, on July 27, 1995, a single-member Inquiry Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 headed by a retired Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, Smt. Leila Seth to ascertain all relevant facts and circumstances leading to the death in judicial custody of Rajan Pillai. The Commission has been asked to submit its report in 3 months.

The terms of reference of the Commission are as under:—

(a) to ascertain the circumstances and sequence of events including deterioration in the physical condition of Shri Rajan Pillai leading to his death;

(b) to ascertain the adequacy of the treatment given to him by the Jail Medical Officer and doctors in Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital in the context of the history of his past illness;

(c) to ascertain the adequacy and promptness of response of the doctor(s) and other authorities both in the Jail and DDU Hospital when the health of Shri Rajan Pillai deteriorated;

(d) to ascertain whether there was any negligence on the part of any authority and to fix responsibility for the same;

(e) to suggest remedial measures in connection with medical care for prisoners in jail;

(f) any other matter relevant to the incident.

Time Limit to provide Information Regarding Passports

308. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the time limit fixed by Government regarding furnishing the necessary information of passports to be provided to the Indian Embassy's Passport offices abroad as demanded by them from time to time;

(b) the minimum and maximum time taken by Government to provide such information to the Indian Embassies abroad;

(c) whether some such cases are pending with Government in this regard;

(d) if so, what effective action has so far been taken by Government in this respect; and

(e) by when the same is likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Government have not stipulated any time limit for pending replies in respect of references made by Indian missions abroad for information relating to passport matters as these matters also involve Ministries and agencies other than the Ministry of External Affairs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Government have taken several steps in this regard and are presently engaged in the process of computerising the relevant data base, which would further facilitate in reducing the existing pendency, as well as disposal of future references expeditiously.

सड़क दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए दिल्ली यातायात पुलिस कर्मियों की संख्या बढ़ाना और उसका आधुनिकीकरण करना

309. श्री सोमपाल: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार दिल्ली की सड़कों पर बढ़ती सड़क दुर्घटनाओं की विभीषिका को रोकने के लिए क्या ठोस कदम उठा रही है;

(ख) क्या इस स्थिति से निपटने के लिए सरकार ने हाल ही में दिल्ली पुलिस को आधुनिक हथियार उपलब्ध कराने और पुलिस बल की संख्या बढ़ाने पर विचार किया है;